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The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Safe Drinking Water PFAS MCL Rule (#7-569).

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Comments entered:

Our family and many other community members have had serious and negative health affects due to PFC contamination caused by a fire of 3 million tires at the now defunct Bergey Tire Recycling Plant in Sellersville. Multiple firefighting teams, including trucks from area naval bases in Horsham, sprayed foam containing PFCs for 2 straight days to put the fire out.

PFCs do not break down and the dangers and adverse health affects are now becoming well documented. Pennsylvania should set the acceptable ppt for these very dangerous chemicals as close to zero as possible. There is no acceptable level, and the Pennsylvania Constitution law states Pennsylvanians are entitled to clean drinking water.

For twenty+ years since the fire, citizens in our adjoining neighborhoods have been drinking this PFC poisoned waters. The plumes move around. In 2017, the public well 50 yards from my front door was shuttered due to too high levels of PFCs. In September 2016, after a public supply well in the area was found to contain combined concentrations of PFOA and PFOS that exceeded Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 70 parts per trillion (ppt) Health Advisory Level (HAL)

A family member, around the same time as the well was shuttered, was diagnosed with Crohn's disease, for which there no cure yet. It is an inflammatory bowel disease much like colitis (same

umbrella of disease), which has been definitely tied to PFC contamination. Our family member must have infusions every 6 to 8 weeks until there is a cure, and the cost of these infusions is in the tens of thousands of dollars, not to mention the costs to quality of life.

See: https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/My-Water/drinking_water/PFAS/Pages/Ridge-Run-PFC-Site.aspx

--Within the past 8 years+, we've seen neighbors die from colon and breast cancers; a young child taken by leukemia; classmates of my child suffering from Tourette's; and our own child stricken with autoimmune disorders—inflammatory bowel disease and PANDAS. (Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections)

--The EPA has connected all these diseases to PFOA/PFOS exposure. Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) and Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA)

--However, because our communities are not on an actual naval base, we've been largely ignored in PFC studies now emerging to collect urine and blood samples and test for levels of PFC. PFCs are affecting everyone in the nation and Pennsylvania should be at the forefront of protecting its citizen's drinking water and protecting their health and quality of life.

--For 20 years, we unknowingly drank this PFC fouled water. Like the people in Warrington who drank the PFC tainted water from the naval base, we need blood testing and annual health monitoring. We need to be ensured that the PFOS/PFOA isn't hiding in our hot water tank sediment, continuing to poison us. Everyone in Pennsylvania needs clean drinking water and enforcement of strict rules for limiting PFOS/PFOA ppt as close to zero as possible.

Please consider the unacceptable health consequences and shattered lives when setting the PFOS/PFOA/PFC allowable limits for Pennsylvanians. These serious health issues are preventable.

Give Pennsylvanians what the Pennsylvania Constitution ensures--safe, clean PFC-free drinking waters. There is no time to waste.

Thank you.
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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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